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Dear Sir:

This submission is being concurrently filed with an RCE, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114, for the above-identified patent application. Favorable consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments herein. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the RCE filing fee of \$770.00 to Deposit Account No.50-1063 [MSFTP137USA].